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ROCKET ENGINE TEST FACILITY

PERM, USSR
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1. THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT THE PERM AREA HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE SOVIET ROCKET ENGINE PROGRAM SINCE 1954 WHEN ROCKET ENGINE TEMPLATES WERE SHIPPED TO THE AREA FROM GUIDED MISSILE ENGINE PLANT NO. 456, MOSCOW/KHIMKI (THE MAIN SOVIET CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROCKET ENGINES).



3. FIRST PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF THIS INSTALLATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN  THIS SECURED AND RAIL SERVED INSTALLATION WAS LOCATED 10.5 NM EAST OF PERM AND CONTAINED A LARGE VERTICAL TEST STAND UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ASSOCIATED CONTROL AND CHECKOUT BUILDINGS, AND APPROXIMATELY 20 OTHER BUILDINGS.
4. SEVEN SUBSEQUENT MISSIONS REVEALED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL TEST STAND WAS COMPLETED IN LATE '63 AND THAT A NEW CONSTRUCTION

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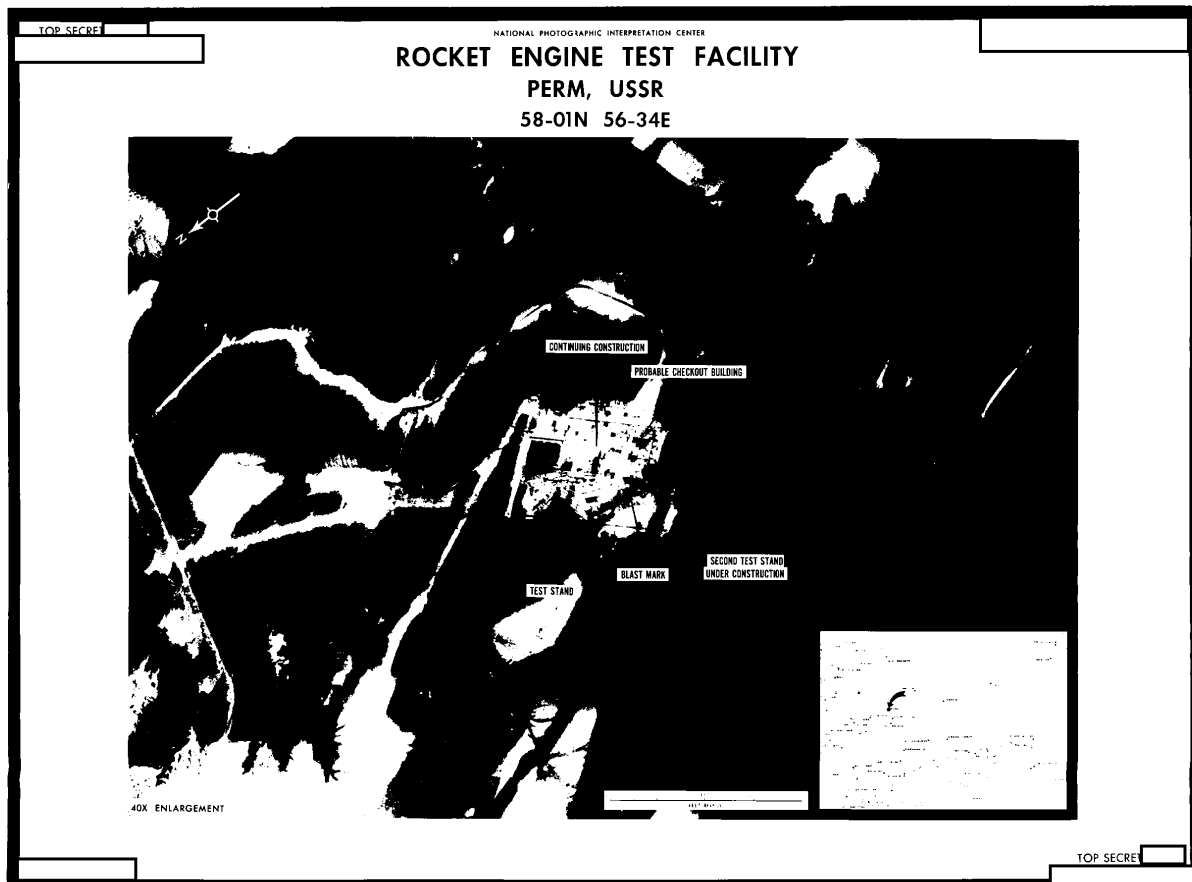
PROGRAM WAS STARTED BY FEB 64 WHICH HAS INVOLVED EXPANSION OF THE FACILITY AND THE ADDITION OF SEVERAL SUPPORT BUILDINGS. THIS CONSTRUCTION WAS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT 1964. THE FIRST INDICATION OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY AT THE ORIGINAL TEST STAND WAS REPORTED IN DEC 64, WHEN A POSSIBLE BLAST SCAR WAS OBSERVED ON THE STAND'S DEFLECTOR.

5. THIS MISSION REVEALS THAT A SMALL BLAST MARK IS VISIBLE AT THE ORIGINAL TEST STAND. SNOWFALL, WITH AN ACCUMULATION OF 4-5 INCHES, WAS REPORTED BETWEEN 16-18 JAN 65, AND ENDED AT APPROXIMATELY 1200 LOCAL TIME ON 18 JAN. MISSION COVERAGE WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT

A NEWLY IDENTIFIED SECOND TEST STAND, WITH ITS CONTROL BUNKER, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION APPROXIMATELY 350 FEET SOUTH OF THE ORIGINAL STAND. A LARGE RECTANGULAR BUILDING JUST SOUTH OF THE ORIGINAL CHECKOUT BUILDING IS IDENTIFIED AS A PROBABLE CHECKOUT BUILDING FOR THE SECOND TEST STAND. CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES ON THE LARGE BUILDING NEAR THE CENTER OF THE FACILITY. WORK IS ALSO PROGRESSING ON THE FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE NORTH CORNER OF THE FACILITY.

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